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THESE FACTS, GIVING WITNESS TO THE POSSIBILITY OF CREATING NUCLEAR WEAPONS IN THE USA, CANNOT BUT AROUSE SERIOUS CONCERN. IT IS CLEAR THAT IF THIS STATE, WHICH CONDUCTS A POLICY OF APARTHEID WITH REGARD TO THE AFRICAN POPULATION OF ITS COUNTRY, AND DOES NOT OBSERVE THE DECISIONS OF THE UNITED NATIONS, ACQUIRED NUCLEAR WEAPONS, THEN THIS WOULD SHARPLY AGGRAVATE THE SITUATION ON THE AFRICAN CONTINENT AND, AS A WHOLE, WOULD INCREASE THE DANGER OF THE USE OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS.

THE EMERGENCE OF SUCH WEAPONS IN THE HANDS OF THE USA WOULD UNDOUBTEDLY BE USED BY CERTAIN OTHER COUNTRIES FOR THE JUSTIFICATION OF CREATING THEIR OWN NUCLEAR EXPLOSIVE DEVICES. IT IS NOT DIFFICULT TO SEE WHAT HARM THIS WOULD CAUSE TO THE TREATY ON NUCLEAR NON-PROLIFERATION AND HOW ESSENTIALLY IT WOULD WEAKEN THE POLICY (FRAMEWORK) OF NUCLEAR NON-PROLIFERATION, THE STRENGTHENING OF WHICH THE JOINT EFFORTS OF THE USSR AND THE UNITED STATES HAVE BEEN DIRECTED. NO ONE DOUBTS THAT THE USA CAN CREATE NUCLEAR WEAPONS ONLY THANKS TO THE HELP OF OTHER STATES. IT IS ALSO KNOWN THAT THE USA

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